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SUBJECT: FRENCH TO SIGN PROTOCOL TO TREATY OF TLATELOLCO

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1. ON APRIL 16 QUAI AMERICAS DIRECTOR DE SAINT- LEGIER
CONFIRMED TO POLCOUNS FRENCH INTENTIONS REPORTED REFTEL.
IN DRAFTING THEIR " INTERPRETATIONS" OF PROTOCOL II TO THE
TREATY OF TLATELOLCO, SAINT- LEGIER SAID GOF WOULD WISH TO
ENSURE PARTICULARLY CONTINUED FRENCH ABILITY TO TRANSPORT
MATERIALS USED IN NUCLEAR TESTING TO PACIFIC TEST SITES.
EMPHASIZING THAT FRENCH AIRCRAFT NEVER TRANSPORT " ATOMIC
BOMBS" AS SUCH, SAINT- LEGIER SAID THAT FRENCH FLY
COMPONENTS USED IN NUCLEAR TESTING ACROSS PANAMA.
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IN ADDITION, FRENCH WILL WISH TO " INTERPRET" MORE NARROWLY THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE NUCLEAR FREE ZONE THAN AS DEFINED BY LATIN AMERICANS -- I. E. TO EXCLUDE FRENCH CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES.

2. SAINT- LEGIER NOTED THAT FRENCH ADHERENCE TO THIS TREATY WOULD REPRESENT THE FIRST TIME GOF HAS ASSOCIATED ITSELF WITH ANY NUCLEAR- RELATED TREATY. DRAWING ATTENTION TO FRANCE' S UNSATISFACTORY PUBLIC RELATIONS IN THIS AREA, HE SAID IT WAS HOPED THAT THIS WOULD SIGNAL A SOMEWHAT MORE FLEXIBLE FRENCH ATTITUDE ON NUCLEAR MATTERS. HOWEVER, HE EHMPASIZED THAT THIS DECISION DOES NOT IMPLY ANY FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN FRENCH NUCLEAR POLICIES. SAINT- LEGIER ALSO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT FRENCH MOVE IS RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO LATIN AMERICAN CRITICISM OF CONTINUED FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTING.
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